Customize Mouse Button Actions

INTRODUCTION

When the mouse pointer is in the Graphics Window, clicking and holding the left mouse button as you drag will perform the current transformation (*e.g.* rotate or zoom) as selected in the Transformation Control area. To perform a different transformation, you have to move the mouse to the Transformation Control area, select the new operation, and move back to the Graphics Window. To avoid this, you can redefine how the left mouse works as well as map additional transformation operations onto the middle and right mouse buttons.

This customization only effects the mouse usage while in the Graphics Window. The left button is still used for other user-interface actions.
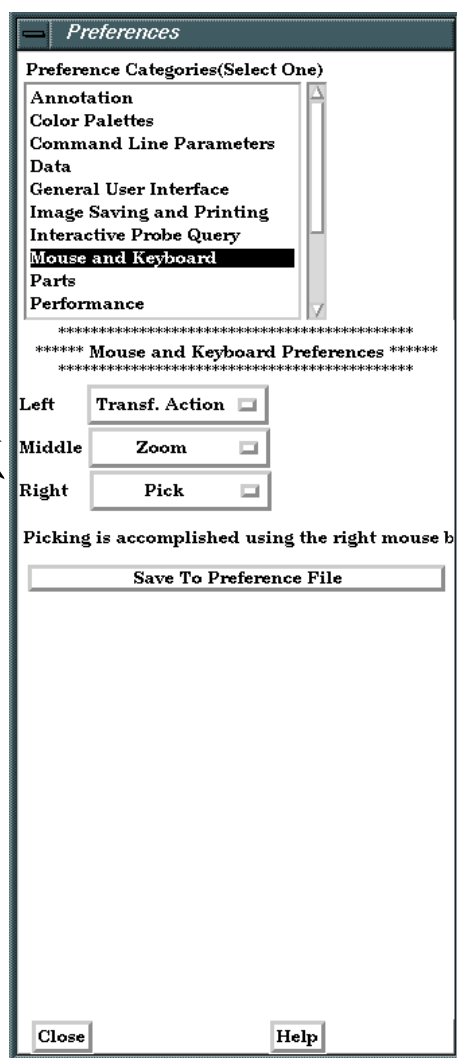
BASIC OPERATION

To change the behavior of mouse buttons in the Graphics Window:

1. Select Edit > Preferences..., then click on Mouse and Keyboard

2. Set each mouse button pulldown (Left, Middle, Right) as desired (see below).

3. Click Save To Preference File to save your changes (if you want these changes to be the default for future sessions of EnSight) and Close to exit the dialog.

The new settings will take effect as soon as you hit the close button. If you clicked Save To Preference Files, your changes are also written to a file and automatically loaded during future EnSight sessions.

Each mouse button can have one of the following associated behaviors:

Transf. Action   When this mouse button is clicked and dragged, the operation performed will be the currently selected function in the Transformation Control area.

Rotate   When this mouse button is clicked and dragged, the operation performed will be rotate.

Translate   When this mouse button is clicked and dragged, the operation performed will be translate.

Zoom   When this mouse button is clicked and dragged, the operation performed will be zoom.

Pick   When this mouse button is clicked, the action will be "pick". Picking is used to position various EnSight tools as well as to select parts by clicking on them in the Graphics Window.

Nothing   When this mouse button is clicked, no action will be performed.

Note that at least one of the mouse buttons *must* be set to Transf. Action!

SEE ALSO

User Manual: **Mouse and Keyboard Preferences**